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REMARKS

Claims 70-81 are pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for discussing this case with their representatives today, as a courtesy. As discussed with the Examiner, the amendments of Claims 71 and 75 are being made to correct an inadvertent error with regard to the recitation of "cyclopropyl" in the paragraph reciting R'" and R'''. The phrase reciting the optional substitution of the cyclopropyl group should have been included in the paragraph reciting substituents R' and R'' rather than in the paragraph reciting substituents R'" and R'''. This Amendment is submitted to correct that inadvertent error. No new matter is added by reason of this Amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner declare an interference between this application and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,466,861 and 5,837,725, as originally requested in the Communication Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 Request to Declare Interference with Patent Nos. 5,466,861 and 5,837,725 and Notice of Proposed Counts, filed August 10, 1999 (original Communication) and reiterated in the Second Request for Interference and Proposed Counts, filed November 6, 2003.

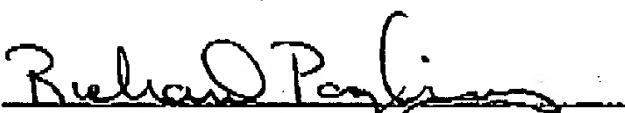
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If the Examiner does not consider the application to be in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned ((858) 720-2955) to arrange an interview prior to taking action.

No fee is believed due with this submission, but if any fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2613 for the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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